

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3903 - SB 3848

March 28, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants municipal courts jurisdiction for violations where a municipal law or ordinance mirrors a state statute that is a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine not exceeding \$50.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- The language of the bill restates the existing language of TCA § 16-18-302(a) by stating that municipal courts have jurisdiction over Class C misdemeanors with a civil fine not in excess of \$50. Currently, this section states that such courts have jurisdiction over offenses with fines not in excess of \$50 and/or a period of confinement of 30 days or less. The current definition conforms to the penalty for a Class C misdemeanor. Therefore, there is no substantive change in the matters over which municipal courts have jurisdiction and no change in state or local government revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director